

plants based on the Electric Arc Furnace route and using steel melting scrap/sponge iron as raw material. It has also been emphasised in the Guidelines that the list of possible sites is only indicative. The choice of location is left to the best commercial/economic judgement of the entrepreneur who would need to undertake detailed feasibility studies before taking a final decision.

(c) The anticipated production of finished steel during 1996-97, the terminal year of the Eighth Five Year Plan is 23.504 million tonnes.

#### Loss suffered by FCI

2421. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :  
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :  
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has suffered losses worth crores of rupees during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State/ Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the reasons therefor in each case;

(d) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry into the causes of losses;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such losses?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) :  
(a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

#### Waiting List for Telephone Connections

2422. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of pending applications for grant of telephone connections, as on date, State-wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to clear these applications expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The statewide number of pending applications for grant of telephone connections as on 30.6.96 is given in the Statement attached.

(b) It is proposed to provide 24.5 lakh new telephone connections during 1996-97. The remaining waiting list will be progressively cleared during 1997-98.

#### STATEMENT

*Details regarding number of pending applications for grant of telephone connections as on 30.6.1996.*

S.No.	Name of State	Waiting List as on 30.6.1996
1.	Andhra Pradesh	175379
2.	Assam	22590
3.	Bihar	48856
4.	Gujarat (including Dadra, Diu, Daman & Nagar Haveli)	254602
5.	Haryana	91888
6.	Himachal Pradesh	37696
7.	J and K	32288
8.	Karnataka	195300
9.	Kerala (Including Lakshadweep (U.T.))	505870
10.	Madhya Pradesh	48326
11.	Maharashtra (including Goa, excluding Bombay)	278507
12.	Bombay	41682
13.	North East (including Arunachal, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura)	10510
14.	Orissa	22427
15.	Punjab (including Chandigarh (U.T.))	206872
16.	Rajasthan	161462
17.	Tamil Nadu (including Pondicherry (U.T.))	394990
18.	Uttar Pradesh	152115
19.	West Bengal (including Sikkim)	126050
20.	Delhi	51165
Total		2858583

#### National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation

2423. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons benefited ever since the National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation came into existence;

(b) the extent to which the Corporation has achieved success in improving the economic conditions of the beneficiaries; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to make this Corporation successful and useful?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation has assisted 6924 persons between September, 1994 and 30.6.1996 under the schemes implemented through the State Channelising Agencies.

(b) The schemes assisted by the Corporation have been recently started and it is too early to determine the extent of improvement of the economic conditions of the beneficiaries.

(c) Following steps have been taken by the Government to make the Corporation successful and useful :

- (i) Central Government and some State Governments have contributed to equity of the Corporation.
- (ii) Income tax exemption has been given to the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation by the Central Government.
- (iii) Publicity has been given through Mass Media regarding the activities of the Corporation.
- (iv) The performance of the Corporation is reviewed regularly on monthly basis by calling for progress reports.

#### TV Tower

2424. SHRI SUKH RAM :

SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified the places for installation of low power/high power TV transmitters in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether the work on the said project has been started;

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor in each case; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) This is an ongoing process and transmitters are coming up at a number of places. Some other places have been tentatively identified where project may taken up subject to availability of funds, infrastructural facilities and inter se priority.

(b) the details are given in the attached statement.

(c) to (f). While the project shown as under implementation in the Annexure are at various stages of implementation and expected to be completed during

1996-97 depending on availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities, the proposed schemes are yet to be sanctioned by the competent authority. The normal lead time for completion of these proposed schemes would vary between 2 to 4 years from date of sanction of the scheme.

#### STATEMENT

*List of TV Transmitters under Implementation/ Envisaged to be set up State-wise and Location-wise in the Country*

State/ Union Territory	Location Projects under Implementation	Projects Proposed to be set up
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	<b>HPTs</b>	<b>HPTs</b>
	Kurnool	Warangal
	Rajamundry	Ongole
	Hyderabad(DD-II)	
	<b>LPTs</b>	<b>LPTs</b>
	Kadiri	Vinkonda
	Belampally	Kondukur
	Markapur	Kanigiri
	Tamblapally	Duttalur
	Fasra	Madipardu
	Padanandipadu	
	Tuni	
	Rajampet	
	Banswada	
	Macharia	
	Bhainsa	
	Narsaraopet	
	Achampet	
	Jadcheria	
	Darsi	
Auranchal Pradesh	<b>VLPs</b>	
	Seetampetta	
	<b>LPT</b>	<b>LPT</b>
	Miao	Roing
	<b>VLPTs</b>	
	Pipu Dipu/Nayapin	
	Yomoha	
	Tali/Tuting	
	Ninyong/Yingkong	
	Kalaktang	
	Chayangtajo	
	Lengding	
	Khimyong	
	Nampon	
	Hawai	
	Kronii	
	Hunli	
	Geku	